

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 515

By Roberts

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of David Greer of
Springfield.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of David Greer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Greer was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, David Greer served with acumen and alacrity as Springfield Fire Chief, in which position he earned the respect of his peers for the exemplary quality of his work before his retirement in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Greer was entirely devoted to his role as a firefighter; he began his long career at the Gallatin Fire Department in 1961 and contended with dangerous fires lasting up to twenty-four hours; and

WHEREAS, as a fire chief, he ensured that his firefighters trained hard and prepared by arranging training scenarios in which he used condemned structures throughout the city to set small or large fires for them to extinguish; and

WHEREAS, during David Greer's extensive tenure as fire chief, the city gained its first aerial device, a new fire department headquarters was opened in 1980 on Central Avenue, and Mr. Greer proved himself instrumental in the construction of a new Springfield fire station, which is named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, a man of action, David Greer worked side by side with his fellow firefighters and was described as the personification of grace under pressure and a steadfast leader with an unwavering work ethic; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Greer was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, David Greer is survived by his wife, Judith, and their five children; and

WHEREAS, David Greer leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of David Greer, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Greer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.